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Application No.: 08/822,186 Confirmation No.: 6062
Filed : March 20, 1997
For : IMPROVED OSTEOGENIC DEVICES AND METHODS OF
USE THEREOF FOR REPAIR OF ENDOCHONDRAL
BONE, OSTEOCHONDRAL AND CHONDRAL DEFECTS

New York, New York
November 3, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in reply to the July 1, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to extend the time for replying to the Office Action for a period of one month up to and including November 3, 2003 (November 1, 2003 being a Saturday).